



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2017

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- Psalm 23:1

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm - Psalm 23

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel - John 9:1-41



Gladys Rod & Julie/Bobby Strnadel (Phyllis Mokry's mom, sister/brother-in-law), **Faye Fowler, John Thompson 3/26**; Barbara Williams, Sharron Sumrall, Janna/Billy Avalon, Tommy/Traci Avalon, John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, Theresa Cannon, Cathy/Mike/Michael Eaves, Grace Jeadron, Lorraine Lorio, Frank Machost, Clara McWilliams, Ursin Oubre, Jr., Brenda Williams, Sonny/Veronica Womack **3/19**; Raymond Brewer, Matthew Develle, Evelyn Durst, Linda Fitzgerald, Missy Goodman, Corey Granier, Julie Harkins, Helen Machost, Louis Ray Martin, Robert Perlick, Bill Rush, Diana Sanders, Hazel Sanders, Tom/Brenda Steen, Montana Smith, James Wink **3/12**; Peggy Harkins, Pamela Butler, Sharron Campbell, Brock Chapman, Lucrecia Gibson, Sr. Lourdes Gonzalez, Leo Hornkohl, Natalie Jones **2/21**; **Homebound/Nursing Homes:** Sandra Elliott, Abron Haymond, Peggy Huffman, Ernestine Lindsay, Anna Starr, Sue Trebotich; **Priests/Religious:** Brian Carroll, Xavier Colavechio, Tom Delaney, Robert Oliver, Lenin Vargas, Retired Bishop Joseph Latino. *Persons wanting to be added to the Prayer List need to contact the parish office - Names will stay on for one month.*



Prayers for Safety for all service men and women at home and abroad, who give of their lives daily in order that we may enjoy our freedom: Preston Blocker, David Brooks, William Aaron Burks, Michael P Collins, Nathan Darnell, Lee Greco, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Joe Hayes, Derek Lieding, Michael Machost, Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, James (Alec) Ponder and Nathan Waltman, Austin White. You may place a picture of the individual on the military bulletin board located in the parish hall. (Will be included in parish directory.)

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

Budget Needed Weekly	\$6,000.00
Regular Tithe	\$4,792.00
"Take a Step"	\$205.00
Coffee & Doughnuts	\$15.00
Food Pantry/Ash Wednesday	\$35.00
Youth	\$58.00
Votives	\$24.29

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Second Collection

March 26 - Catholic Relief Services

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.

-Blaise Pascal

March Month of: St. Joseph



WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS:

▶▶▶ Changes or Additions

STT - St. Therese
OLOG - Our Lady of Guadalupe
MFCC - Christian Catholic Family Movement
MSJLOG - MARIAN SERVANTS® Jesus the Lamb of God

CTK - Christ the King
SVDP - St. Vincent de Paul

Vacation Bible School Fundraiser

After all Masses this Weekend

Saturday, March 25 - Vigil Fourth Sunday of Lent

3:00pm Confession
4:00pm Mass - Medric Warren II Birthday Intention

Sunday, March 26 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:15am RCIA - parish hall
9:30am Mass - Thelma and George Martz; People of the Parish
10:45am-12:15pm Parish School of Religion, Confirmation
12:30pm Spanish Mass

Stations of the Cross following Mass

Monday - Friday 7:30am Mass - Carmelite Monastery

Monday, March 27 - NO MASS

Tuesday, March 28

***12noon Brown Bag Lunch/Lenten Movie with a Message

5:00pm Cursillo Group - parish hall
5:30pm Mass - June Coughlin
6:00pm Rosary/Prayer Meeting - chapel
6:00pm MSJLOG - parish office
***6:30pm Pastoral Council - parish office

Wednesday, March 29

8:30am Mass - Extension Society Intention
9am - 8pm Adoration - chapel
6:00pm Encuentro Team

Thursday, March 30

5:30pm Mass - Extension Society Intention
6:00pm SVDP Meeting - parish hall

Friday, March 31 - Abstinence

8:45am School Mass CTK
***5:30pm Stations of the Cross
***6:00pm Soup Supper/Betsy Carraway
Lenten Movie with a Message - parish hall

Relay for Life Fundraiser

After all Masses this Weekend

Saturday, April 1 - Vigil Fifth Sunday of Lent

Clean Church from 9:00am - 2:00pm
Light Lunch Served - All are asked to help!

3:00pm Confession

4:00pm Mass - Margaret Major "100th Birthday in Heaven"

Sunday, April 2 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:15am RCIA - parish hall
9:30am Mass - Marissa Faith Clark; People of the Parish
10:45am-12:15pm Parish School of Religion, Confirmation
12:30pm Spanish Mass

Stations of the Cross following Mass

1:45 - 5:00pm - Catholic Charities Migrant

Support Center to sponsor

"Know Your Rights" - parish hall



Married Couple's Retreat, April 21-23, 2017

at St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center in Chatawa, MS. The theme is, "The Art of Discernment in Marriage." Robin and Easton Hebert, spiritual directors and retreat leaders from Lafayette, LA, will be your guides as you grow in your spirituality as a couple. For more information and reservations, contact Sister Helen Roper at 601-341-9447 (cell) or e-mail her at hroper@ssndcp.org.

Saint Joseph Catholic School fosters a school community rooted in the values of Catholic education. If teaching in a Christ-centered environment is calling you, Saint Joseph is currently accepting applications for faculty positions for the 2017-18 school year. If interested, please email a resume to djones@stjoebruins.com.

Month of March

Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Support for Persecuted Christians

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:

For Parishioners Families and Peace in the World!

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN MONTHLY TRAINING EMAILS

You should have received your **Monthly** email from **VIRTUS**, this is an **ONGOING MONTHLY Protection of Children** bulletin review. Every month you will receive a bulletin notice, you must log-on to **VIRTUS**, read the bulletin and answer the question. Thank you for all you do in keeping our children/youth protected.

The Shelter for Battered Families of Catholic Charities-Jackson currently has an opening for a part-time Crisis Intake Advocate. The Crisis Intake Advocate will provide support to callers experiencing trauma from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional responsibilities include screening all calls received from survivors of violent crimes, assisting callers with safety planning, advocacy, follow-ups, and emergency admissions into the shelter program. Coordination/referrals for assistance are required for the position. Minimum requirements include: a Bachelor of Social Work or a Counseling degree in a related field, current licensure as a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) or Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in MS, and at least 2 years of experience in advocacy and crisis assessment. Interested applicants send resume to: Ms. Arteria Puckett, Program Manager, at Catholic Charities, Inc./Shelter for Battered Families 850 East River Place, Jackson, MS 39202 or arteria.puckett@ccjackson.org. EOE.



Remember loved ones during this Easter Season with an honorary or memorial of Lilies. **Envelopes are located in the gathering space.** Please include your name and the loved one you would like to honor or remember on the envelope. Thank you.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Fasting: Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. *Customarily, the two smaller meals when considered together should not equal the main meal* – ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

Abstinence: All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School

2017-2018 enrollment is now underway. Parents interested in enrolling their children should contact the school at 601-352-5441. *Parish Verification forms are located on the table as you enter church.*

BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops is one of America's largest school earnings loyalty programs. Schools can use Box Tops cash to buy whatever they need and each Box Top is worth 10¢. **A pink box is in the parish hall for collection of box tops for Sr. Thea Bowman School.**



PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS



Each week at St. Therese (at all Masses), we have a chalice and/or vocation framed picture that goes from home to home. Each home keeps the item for one week and returns it the next weekend. There are also suggested prayers that accompany the chalice and/or picture. If you would like to have the chalice/picture in your home, and pray for vocations during the coming week please come forward at Mass when asked.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

St. Therese Community would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members. **Please complete a blue/lavender registration form located on the table as you enter church (on the right).** It is important for us to know you and know how many registered parishioners we have. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 601-372-4481 or email: sttherese@jacksondiocese.org and again,

Welcome to St. Therese Parish!

Baby Bottle Boomerang Results



The St. Therese Knights of Columbus sincerely thank parishioners for your great generosity! We are happy to report that as of March 19, \$1,136 was donated to pro-life activities. Funds will be distributed as follows: 75% (\$852) to Birthright of Jackson, 12.5% (\$142) to the State KofC Ultrasound Fund, and 12.5% (\$142) to Bishop Kopacz for pro-life activities of the Diocese. Bottles returned after March 19 will benefit Birthright of Jackson. If you want to do more for babies please consider supporting Birthright's "Mom's Day 5K" run/walk on May 6. For information: <http://birthright.org/en/landingpage/lp-jackson>

Join our Team!

**April 21, 6pm – Midnight (6hrs)
St. Therese Relay for Life Team
"Standing in the Gap"** - In support

of all parishioners, family and friends, who have battled cancer, St. Therese will have a team at the "Kick Cancer to the CuRB" (Clinton, Raymond, Byram) Relay for Life. The Relay will begin Friday, April 21st at 6pm and end at midnight, we will relay at Hinds Community College (Raymond Campus). Please consider joining our team, supporting the team with a donation, or helping us in some way. Register online at: My Team URL: <http://main.acevents.org/goto/standinginthegap> or contact: parishioner, Gail Clark 601-672-3467.

Relay for Life is a fundraiser for American Cancer Society.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE!

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Diocese of Jackson is committed to ensuring that no one being served by the church be (is) at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel. The spiritual well-being of all the victims, their families and others in the community is of particular concern to the church. In accordance with our policy, all victims are offered counseling and pastoral care.

Anyone who has been a victim of abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel and has not yet reported it is encouraged to do so. Our victim assistance coordinator, Valerie McClellan, a licensed social worker, is available to assist in making a report. Please contact her at 601-326-3728.

For more information about diocesan policies and procedures and to learn what the diocese is doing to create a safe environment for everyone, please visit the diocesan website at www.jacksondiocese.org and click on "Protection of Children."

Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, D.D., Ph.D.

March 2017

Question of the Week

How can I kindle Jesus' light in my daily life?
Who now "outside" should I go out searching for to bring "home" as this Lent unfolds?

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Please pray for the repose of souls:

† Robert S. Kopacz – brother of Bishop Joseph Kopacz

† Sr. Mary Magdalea, SND – sister of Fr. Al Camp

Please keep Bishop Kopacz and Fr. Camp and their families in your prayers as they grieve.

May he rest in peace, and may his family find comfort and consolation in the Lord.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

SAVE THE DATE:

- ▶ Sat., March 25 and Sun., March 26 – VBS Fundraiser following all weekend Masses
- ▶ Sat. Apr. 1 from 9am-2m – Church Spring Clean-Up Day – see the clean-up board located in the gathering space for details.
- ▶ April 1/2: Relay for Life Fundraiser following all weekend Masses
- ▶ Sun., Apr. 2, following the 12:30 Mass – Catholic Charities Migrant Support Center to sponsor "Know Your Rights."
- ▶ Fri., Apr. 21 – Relay for Life



Encounter Community

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ a new this Lent? Pick up your CRS Rice Bowl in the gathering space and download the CRS Rice Bowl app! *Return your CRS Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday at offertory.*

TUESDAY

12Noon Brown Bag Lunch with a Movie and a Message – parish hall

5:30pm Mass

WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass

9am-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY - Abstinence

5:30pm Stations of the Cross

6:00pm Meatless Soup Supper with a Movie and a Message – parish hall



"SHARE HIS LIGHT"

2017 Catholic Service Appeal

We thank all those at St. Therese who have generously responded to the annual Catholic Service Appeal. As of March 20, 2017, we have raised **\$9,565 with 86 pledges.** For more on information about the Appeal or to donate online please visit www.jacksondiocese.org.